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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Blanca Bayó, Director  
Florida Public Service Commission  
Division of Records and Reporting  
2540 Shumard Oaks Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 001815

Dear Ms. Bayó,

On December 22, 2000, MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (WorldCom) filed a letter with the Commission requesting approval under section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 of portions of a "Negotiations Agreement" executed between WorldCom and Verizon Services Corp. (Verizon) on November 21, 2000. On January 10, 2001, Verizon filed a letter stating there is no need for Commission approval, because the Negotiations Agreement did not amend any interconnection agreement. On January 19, 2001, the Division of Records and Reporting received an internal memo closing the docket. Shortly thereafter, WorldCom met with various staff members to discuss the closure of the docket and WorldCom's position regarding its request.

A few weeks ago, the staff contacted the parties to advise them that the docket was re-opened and staff sought to meet with the parties to discuss the matter. As provided in an e-mail regarding this item, WorldCom believes that the particular provisions of the Negotiations Agreement went into effect by operation of law under section 252, and Verizon believes that the Negotiations Agreement does not amend any existing contract. While the parties disagree about the nature of the Negotiations Agreement, there is no existing dispute between the parties about the continuation of the operational effectiveness of the agreement that had expired between the parties. As such, Commission action is not necessary at this time. If a dispute arises later, either or both parties will bring it to the Commission's attention.

Accordingly, WorldCom and Verizon believe that this docket should be closed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Donna Canzano McNulty

cc: Kim Logue, FPSC staff  
Kim Caswell, Verizon